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During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Boyd Hartzog sworn in as new police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council confirmed the appointment of the town's new chief of police **Monday evening**, Sept. 22, at the regular monthly meeting.

New Brockton mayor Charles Cole put an end to the search for a new police chief Monday, Sept. 8, when he appointed Boyd Hartzog as the new police chief, and Monday evening he asked the town council to confirm its support by approving a motion agreeing to accept his recommendation.

With that request, the council voted unanimously to accept the mayor's recommendation to appoint Hartzog as chief of police for the Town of New Brockton although it is not listed as a full-time job.

Hartzog also mentioned the mayor's countless contributions to the community in helping those less fortunate in which one lady aided by Cole said she received more help from the people of New Brockton in one week than she had ever received anywhere else.

Frank Stewart addressed the council in regards to garbage collection. Stewart said he recently called about attaining water service for some property he owns in town but did not realize garbage service comes with it. He said he does not live on the property and does not

have a need for garbage collection; therefore, he asked the council to waive the garbage fee and only charge him for water service.

Councilman Johnny Herron read the resolution aloud and said Cole was chosen as recipient of this award because of his years of work in the community, including serving as the first African American mayor in Coffee County, serving as principal of New Brockton Elementary School for 19 years, serving as a basketball coach in New Brockton, leading his team to a state championship and being named basketball's coach of the year for the state all during his tenure as an educator.

Herron noted that Cole serves as a full-time mayor for New Brockton although it is not listed as a full-time job.

He updated those in attendance on a couple of grant projects progressing because of this support, and Mayor Cole said the council discussed the ongoing fund raising efforts, and Herron said he feels the town has been successful thus far.

"I have been amazed by the way the people have supported the council and town," McMonagle said. "The citizens pulled together when we needed it."

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Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet set for Thursday, Sept. 25 (Tonight)

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003. The Elba Recreation Center, located on Claxton Ave., will be the location for the banquet which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Once again this year the chamber will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors with the theme "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of Elba". These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal, and there will be 15 vendors participating in the event.

Elba's 150th birthday celebration will be continued during the banquet as old Elba memorabilia will be on display, the king and queen of the sesquicentennial celebration will be introduced and a short history of Elba will be told by a favorite historian.

An awards ceremony will take place to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to be. A very special guest will entertain.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

Last week we commented about admiring teens making records on the football field, but were not particularly thrilled when those records were made against the home team. Well it has happened again! Chris Nickson of Pike County completed 8 of 10 passes for 210 yards and four touchdowns in a 35-0 victory over Elba. Two other record setters were in our area, but not directly in the trade area. Larry Hudson of Red Level ran for two touchdowns - one a 70-yarder, kicked three extra points, scored on a two-point conversion and recorded 11 tackles on defense in a 28-0 win over Samson. THEN... Willie Suddith of Charles Henderson made a touchdown-saving tackle on a kickoff return, forced a fumble that set up his team's only TD, and blocked a field goal in a 10-0 triumph over Greenville.

It is business as usual when Americans openly debate a multitude of issues. In fact thousands of people make a living in American courts just sorting out what is the "law of the land." Then the losers spend weeks bemoaning the loss of freedom brought on by the court decisions. That is what made us fitfully recent when one of the late night talk show hosts, Jay Leno, reportedly said, "As you may have heard, the U.S. is putting together a constitution for Iraq. Why don't we just give them ours? Think about it - it was written by very smart people, it's served us well for over two hundred years, and besides, we're not using it anymore."

The Alabama legislature is in special session passing budgets for the coming year. Cuts are in order . . . and expected in the wake of Amendment #1 being turned down by the voters earlier this month. Once each department knows its reduced budgets, cuts are the next step in the process. We hope they start at the top and not just with those who actually do the work.

*The state education department can cut the big staff in Montgomery f-i-s-t-s! Then there would be a bit more money for the classrooms.

*The state troopers can cut some supervisors, or better still put these certified officers back to patrolling the highways - they admit to having fewer troopers on the road, so therefore they need fewer people pushing pencils. Best would be to put all supervisors on the roads for a set amount of hours every week. *Prison supervisors could (should) also regularly spend some time walking around doing the work of the "bulls." It would keep them more in touch with what is actually happening in the cell blocks and thus they would be better supervisors.

*The governor could set an example by cutting his support staff by more than he is asking each department to do.

*The legislature could make some cuts in their operating budget - there are a number of directions this could go in and be successful. Setting an example is great and it would save tax money.

We reported in this newspaper last week that the Elba High School Marching Band would be performing at the Troy State game on Saturday. Well it didn't happen. A bunch of high school bands put on a great show, but Elba's students can say, "We were part of that." The story heard in this corner is that they couldn't get enough bus drivers to ferry the four needed school busses from Elba to Troy on Saturday. It is a shame that things have gotten that bad in Foggy Bottom. Sorry to let that Elba High band members. You deserve better support than that.

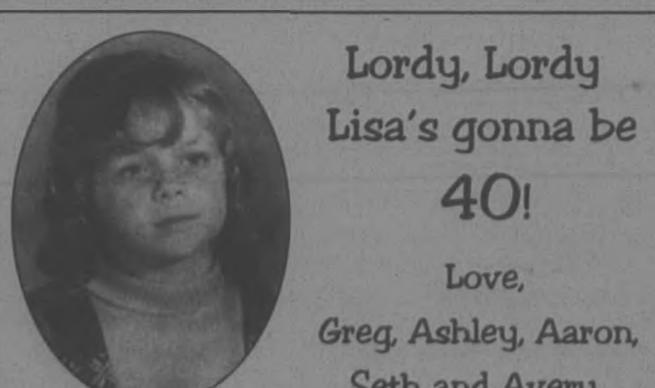
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251-626-0751 334-407-5538
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EDITORIAL**Rep. Terry Spicer introduces bill during special session**

As members of the Alabama House of Representatives convened in Special Session, Representative Terry Spicer, D-Elba, introduced a bill that will expand health care coverage for qualified displaced workers.

House Bill 33, co-sponsored by Representative Spicer, will expand the Alabama Health Insurance Plan to include health insurance coverage for individuals who are eligible based on criteria set forth in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002.

"Unfortunately, the closure of several textile related plants in the Wiregrass, and across the state, have left numerous Alabamians unemployed and without health insurance," states Representative Spicer. "This bill will allow those who are unemployed to have 65% of their Health Care Insurance Premium paid by the federal government."

The legislation, which enhances the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, will benefit those who have lost their jobs due to changes in the economy and variations in foreign trade.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Shown above, enjoying last year's reunion are Syble King, Wildon Thompson, and Donald Page.

Annual Curtis Reunion to be held October 11

The 18th annual Curtis School reunion will be held Saturday, October 11, 2003, under the covered pavilion behind the New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church on Hwy. 141. Registration begins at 10:30, lunch at 12:00. The children of Oscar and Mary Foley Cooper will be honored. They are Oscar Jr., and sisters

Cemetery cleanup planned at Pleasant Ridge Church

Church yard and cemetery clean - up at Pleasant Ridge Church, located on County Road 234 near Victoria, AL, will be Saturday morning, September 20, 2003 in preparation for homecoming services on September 28. Bring tools.

Homecoming to be observed at Mt. Olive Baptist Church October 12

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold Homecoming Services on October 12, 2003. Mt. Olive is located in the Pine Level Community, Elba. The guest speaker will be Kevin Dewberry formerly of Elba. Services begin at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School, followed by morning worship at 11:00 a.m. A covered dish lunch will follow morning services. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-16

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***185th Session of the Progressive Circle, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, will be held Sunday, October 19, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

**The trial sermon for Bro. Nathaniel Smith will be held Sunday, September 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 300 Harper St. Elba.

***First Annual Church Anniversary of Full Gospel Community Church, Level Plains, Ala. will be held September 25 and 26, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and September 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

***Ninety-First Session of the Mulberry Baptist Women's Convention will convene at the Mulberry Baptist Education Building, Hwy. 84 in Elba, September 26 and 27 at 10:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Officers: Alice Freeney, President; Maggie Bryant-Vice

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The Lord's Hand is Stronger Than Mine

Precious Lord hold my hand

I want to live by your word divine

Please precious Lord hold my hand

Because your hand is stronger than mine

When tears fall, applications come

I call Jesus my life line

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Because your hand is stronger than mine

Memories of what my Lord has done

Keeping me in His care

He walks with me

When I call he is always on time

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My hand is stronger than mine

I want to let my little light shine

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Composed by: Eria Lindsey Belcher

"Out of Work": read Proverbs 10:18

Today is a good day; be grateful!

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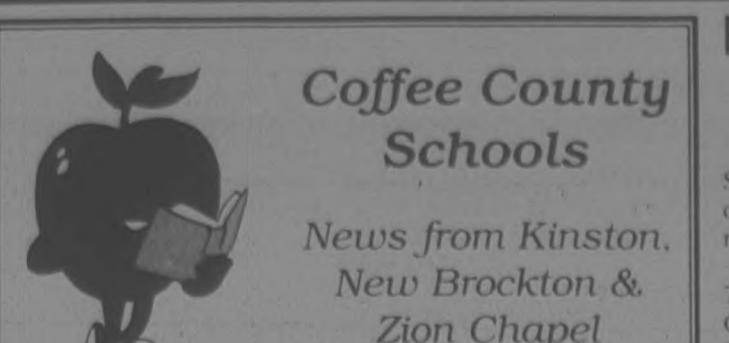
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News from Kinston,
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The Estrada Review

by Amanda Estrada

Book Review of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

Four best friends, one summer, four different adventures, one pair of worn-out, stink store jeans. This book follows the lives of four girls as they spend their first summer apart. The girls, each with a different build and personality, go off and have a unique adventure with one thing they were set to go on separate summer adventures.

This is how the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants was created. They set down rules about the pants, such as who you could and could not do with them. They decided who would get the pants first and how long each person would have them. All summer the pants made their rounds all over the world. They followed Anna to Greece, where she visited her grandparents and was involved in a skinny dipping scandal; to Libby, who made a new friend with a horrible secret named Bailey; to Bridget who was finding love at soccer camp in Baja, California, and then to Carmen, who was not spending the summer with her dad to herself as she had expected, but with a whole new family.

This was a wonderful tale of friendship, love, and magic pants. It will leave you with a deep desire to go out and have your own traveling pants adventure.

The pants are magical. No matter which of the girls tried on the pants, they seemed to fit perfectly. Whether it was the short, saucy, Latina, Carmen, the quiet, gracefully built, Lena, the loud, athletic Bridget, or the long-legged pessimist Tibby, the pants seemed to make for each of them. They discovered these magical pants the day before they were set to go on separate summer adventures.

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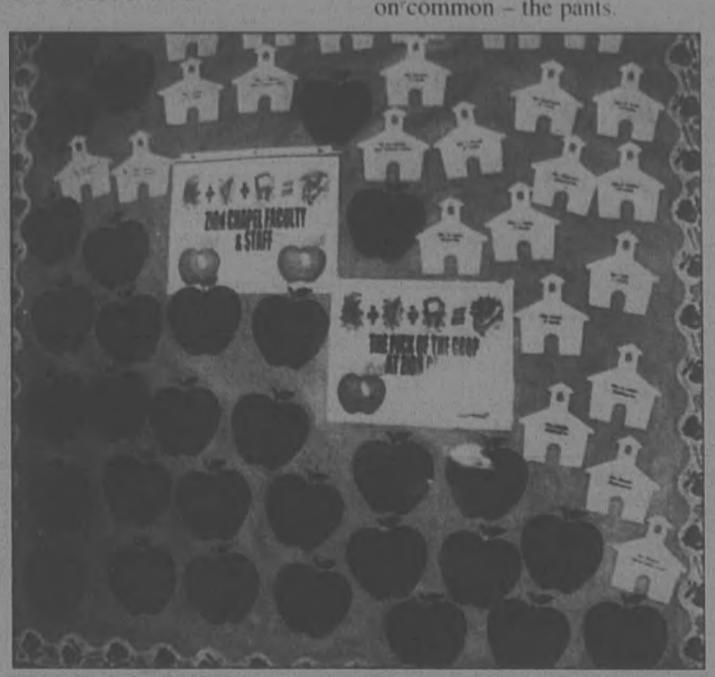
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New Brockton FFA prepares for good year

by Sonya Hornsby

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They will represent Alabama in the National Livestock Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cheley Hollis had the overall top individual score in the contest.

The New Brockton FFA Chapter was also recognized as a state top five chapter in the



The New Brockton FFA Chapter recently received a donation from Nathan Dwyer on behalf of the WIX Filter Corporation

National Chapter Award program.

Other accomplishments over the summer include John Sawyer being selected as the South District FFA Secretary for 2003-2004.

Short time remaining in 2003 PACT enrollment period

State Treasurer Kay Ivey reminded Alabama parents and grandparents today they still have two weeks left to enroll a child in Alabama's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Program. Enrollment for 2003 ends September 30.

The PACT Program gives parents and grandparents of infants through ninth graders the ability to purchase a contract for the pre-payment of 135 semester hours of tuition and 8 semesters of mandatory fees at any Alabama public college or university. The price of the contract is based on the age/grade of the child. The younger the child, the lower the price.

PACT is a simple concept - pay today for tomorrow's tuition," stated Treasurer Ivey. "With college tuition skyrocketing, parents and grandparents can find no better bargain than PACT to save for

a child's future college education."

Ivey noted that 135 semester hours of tuition and 8 semesters of fees at Alabama's public colleges cost a student today about \$15,528.

Ivey further explained that parents may purchase a PACT contract for an infant child today for a lump-sum fee of \$15,528 compared to the projected cost of tuition and fees in 2021 of \$74,097.

The PACT Program features flexible payment options, the use of benefits at private or out-of-state institutions, tax advantages, and the ability to transfer benefits to another member of the family. PACT benefits can even be used in conjunction with scholarships.

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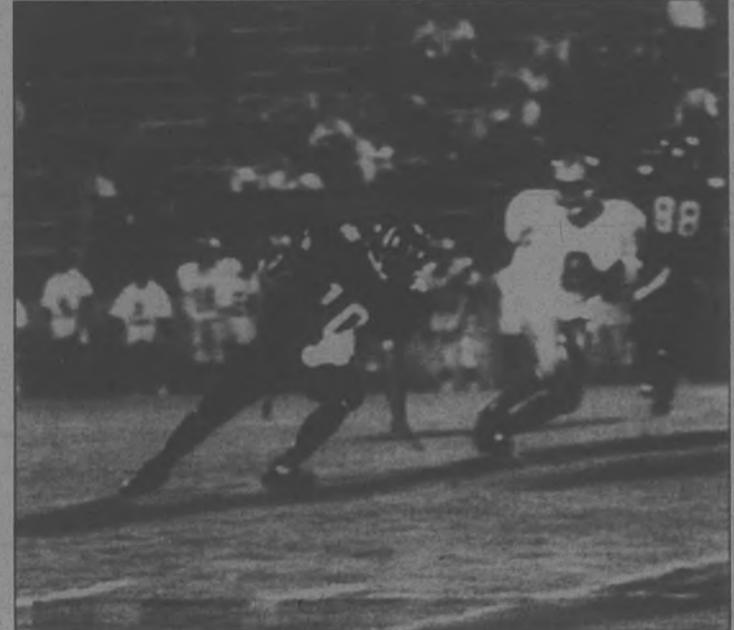
Elba linebacker Trey Davis (44) closes in to make the stop on a Pike County runner. Davis and the Tigers will head to Luverne Friday night to battle the Luverne Tigers.



A trumpet player in the Elba Marching Tiger band performs a solo during halftime ceremonies. The Marching Tigers wowed the crowd on hand Friday night with another outstanding performance.



Elba's Kirby Gray (3) goes high to break up a pass near the Tiger endzone. The Tigers will head to Luverne this week to battle Luverne and will be looking to end their four game losing streak.



Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley (10) tries to maintain his balance after turning the corner on the Pike County defense. The Tigers fell to 0-4 on the season with a 35-0 loss to the Bulldogs.

Tigers fall hard to Pike County 35-0

Story by Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers hosted the highly-ranked Pike County Bulldogs Friday night at Tiger Stadium in a key region contest and left the game battered, bruised and beaten as the Bulldogs used the big play to cruise past the Tigers 35-0.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-4 record, 0-3 in region play, while the win提升了 Bulldogs' record to 3-1, 3-0 in the region. Elba kicked off to begin the game, but got ball right back at the Pike County 44-yardline after a big fourth down stop by the Tigers' Jessie Thomas and Kaleb Dyes. The Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the Bulldog 21 after a 17-yard dash by Kimmy Hill, but were knocked back by a penalty and two big losses, and punted the ball back to Pike County on fourth down.

The Bulldogs put the ball in play at their own 24-yardline and drove 76 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Chris Nickson gained 24 yards on two carries to spark the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 29-yard pass from Nickson to Elijah Daniels. Nick Walker added the extra-point and with 2:32 left in the first quarter Pike County owned a 7-0 lead.

Pike County began its next possession at the Elba 43-yardline after a short Tiger punt and this time needed only four plays to cover the distance into the endzone. The score came on a 29-yard pass from Chris Nickson to Elijah Daniels, and Walker booted the extra-point as the Bulldogs upped their lead to 14-0 with 9:47 remaining in the second quarter.

The next three offensive possessions ended in punts, with Pike County winding up with the ball at its own 27-yardline. A 17-yard run by Chris Nickson and a pass interference penalty against Elba helped the Bulldogs stay alive early in the drive, while Pike County again went to the air to get into the endzone as Chris Nickson hooked up with Nick Walker on a 55-yard touchdown toss. Walker added the extra-point and with :27 left in the half the Bulldogs owned a 21-0 advantage.

The Tigers received the second half kickoff and headed down the field on a 13 play drive that ate up almost seven minutes off the clock. Kikko Logan gained 31 yards on five carries and Brandon Kelley connected with Kirby Gray on a 12-yard pass completion to help Elba move to a first down at the Pike County 23-yardline. The Tigers got as close as the Pike County 18 after a three-yard dash by Brandon Kelley, but could get no closer, and turned the ball over on downs when a fourth down pass fell incomplete.

Pike County answered the long Elba drive with a long drive of its own as the Bulldogs marched 79 yards in 11 plays to add to their lead. Pike County faced a third down and 24 at its own 36-yardline early in the drive, but a 22-yard pass completion from Chris Nickson to Reggie Griffin and an 8-yard keeper by Nickson gave the Bulldogs the first down, and two plays later the Dogs were back in the endzone, this time on a 22-yard touchdown toss from Nickson to Griffin. Nick Walker turned a bad snap into a two-point run, and with 1:16 remaining in the fourth quarter Pike County owned a 29-0 lead.

The Bulldogs got the ball back at the Elba 46 after a 25-yard Elba punt and this time needed only one play to score a touchdown. The score came on a 51-yard dash by James Jackson after a five-yard penalty on first down, and although Elba's Kikko Logan blocked the extra-point, it made little difference as Pike County was in command with a 35-0 lead with 7:35 left in the game.

The Elba offense put together another long drive following the Pike County score and behind the running of Marchello Reed and Kikko Logan moved to a first down at the Pike County 44-yardline. The Tigers moved to a fourth down and three at the Bulldog 37, but lost a fumble on the fourth down play, and then watched as Pike County simply ran out the clock to claim the 35-0 win over Elba.

Kikko Logan gained 54 yards on 15 carries and Kimmy Hill added 44 yards on 14 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Pike County was led by Chris Nickson with 81 yards rushing on 12 carries and 181 yards passing, including 4 touchdown passes.

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Elba Junior High coach Marty Marler talks with his team during a time-out in last week's 14-8 win over Goshen. The win was the first of the season for the Junior Tigers and moved their record to 1-2 on the season.

Grabs first win of season

Elba Junior High dumps Goshen 14-8

Story and photos by Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers snapped a two-game losing streak last Tuesday night by posting an exciting 14-8 win over the Goshen Eagles in Goshen.

The Tigers opened the game with a bang as Derrick Manning scooped up an Eagle fumble and raced 59 yards into the endzone. Jordan Bryant hauled over for the two-point conversion, and after only one score the Tigers were already on top 8-0.

Elba reached the Goshen 17-yardline late in the first quarter after a long run by Jordan Bryant, but failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity and at the half owned an 8-0 advantage.

The Tigers again failed to cash in on a scoring chance midway through the third quarter, and then saw Goshen score on a 62-yard pass play midway through the final stanza to pull even at 8-8.

Elba's offense once again headed toward the Eagle endzone following the Goshen touchdown and moved to a third down and eight at the Eagle 17-yardline. The Tigers converted the key third down play when Derrick Manning pulled off a screen pass and carried three Goshen defenders all the way to the Eagle one-yard line. Jacobs-Forbes scored one play later on a quarterback sneak and the Tigers were back on top 14-8 with 1:01 remaining.

The Tigers hosted Samson and were upset in a five-game thriller 26-24, 20-25, 24-25, 18-15. Mallory Allen recorded 15 service points to lead Elba, while Yolanda Reynolds added 13. Ashleigh Waddall had 15 kills and Kristen Barnes had 8 digs.

Elba closed out the week with a 25-4, 25-5, 25-4 win over Pike County. Yolanda Reynolds led the Tigers with 16 service points, while Mallory Allen had 13 kills and Mallory Allen and Kendall Stinson both had 2 digs.

After 11 matches, Yolanda Reynolds is leading the team with 97 service points, while Ashleigh Waddall has 92 service points and leads the team with 83 kills.

"The team had a great match against Andalusia," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, "and it was our best all around match of the season. In the loss to Samson we had a very difficult time on the playing court. We did play hard the entire match, but just could not put the points on the scoreboard. In the win over Pike County it was serving that was our main strength, as we served hard and were consistent throughout the match."

Elba Tigers Ashleigh Waddall (13) and Lyndsay Lawford (15) go high to block a shot in a recent win over Andalusia. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

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Elba Tiger volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades talks with members of the junior varsity team during a time-out. The Elba JV improved their record to 5-1 last week with a straight set win over Samson. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

Elba JV Tigers push season record to 5-1

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers dropped their first match of the season early in the week to Andalusia, but rebounded to down Samson to improve their record to 5-1 on the season.

On Tuesday the Tigers were upset by Andalusia 21-25, 24-26. Tamra Oliver was the top server.

The Tigers bounced back to defeat Samson 18-25, 22-25, 15. Julian Vega led the team in service points with 12, while Anna Petty added 9. Melanie Mularz led the Tigers in digs and kills.

"This young team had dedication and determination," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades, "and it

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An Elba Junior High receiver goes high in an attempt to pull in a pass during action last week in Goshen. The Tigers claimed a 14-8 win over the Eagles to move their record to 1-2 on the season.

held and at the final horn the Tigers had the exciting 14-8 win.

Goshen went back to the airways in a last ditch effort to pull out the win, but the Elba defense



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